



**W**hen an elderly man sits in silence, alone in a dark, cold room abandoned by his family to whom he entrusted

his entire life savings, who comes to his defense? When an aging woman lies dying in a hospital bed, suffering from the scars of neglect from the facility her family trusted with her care, who takes a stand for her plight?

Nikki Henderson, an investigator with the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud and Abuse Control Office, has devoted the majority of her career to being the mouthpiece for Kentucky's aging population. Not only did she supervise the state's first full-time elder abuse unit with the Jefferson County Police Department, she also served with the state's Office of Aging before becoming an investigator for the attorney general. She has made it her life's focus to defend the cause of the elderly and hold facilities responsible for proper and attentive care and use of resources.

Henderson has received numerous awards and accolades for her work in fighting elder abuse and promoting awareness of the issue in the commonwealth. >>

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Office of the Attorney General Investigator Nikki Henderson, with the Medicaid Fraud and Abuse Control Office helps provide justice for Kentucky's elderly

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